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Dear Mr. Bassity,

I am responding to your letter of August 11 to the Director of Central Intelligence. Thank you for bringing to our attention the resolution of your Board of Governors, dated May 20, 1976.

Both the resolution and your reference to the June 26 article in the New York Times apparently overlooked Mr. Bush's statement of February 11 (to which he made reference in his appearance at the Overseas Press Club):

--Effective immediately, CIA will not enter into any paid or contractual relationship with any full-time or part-time news correspondent accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodical, radio or television network or station.

--As soon as feasible, the Agency will bring existing relationships with individuals in these groups into conformity with this new policy.

The statement is, of course, in effect, and the Agency is in full compliance with these self-imposed guidelines.

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the Director
of Central Intelligence

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